

TIME TO SIGN . . . Tommy Wilkes, manager of Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabrillo Ave., gets ready to set up the "Wheel of Fortune" for the 1953 Senior Class at Torrance High. Two seniors will receive \$71.50 Bulova watches at the Senior Breakfast on June 9.



B. S. Talk

(Barber Shoppers)
By DOUG McCLAY

HOBBY SHOW ENTRY

REAL "GEORGE"
The SPEBSQSA, affectionately known as the "barbershoppers" or "those guys that go around singing all the time." There may be other names applied from time to time of which I am not aware. Anyway, we are real happy with the results of our display at the annual Flower and Hobby Show this past week-end.

The guessing contest with a FREE RADIO, for the lucky guesser went over real big. And I must say I am very proud of the two quartets (The Deacons and the 4 Colonels of Corn) that took turns singing those three evenings and two days. Not to mention the CHORUS that sang Sunday afternoon. The only ones that weren't there were either working or out of town. At least that's their story, and who am I to dispute a barbershopper? Also the old fashioned barbershop display caused much comment.

But here is the pay-off. We were half way prepared for a tie in the contest, but not exactly a THREE-WAY-TIE! Boy—ee! The correct number was 712. There were two contestants with 713 and one with 711. As you know, the contestants had to guess how many "things" were in a large jar. The "things" consisted of nuts, bolts, washers, nails, and generally speaking, anything we could find around around the workshop. The prize, a very nice table radio, was made possible through the courtesy of Torrance Heating and Appliance, Mr. Joe De Jaire officiating.

AND a "guess-off" will be held tonight during our regular meeting at the Betty Thomas Studio at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvds. And the three who came within one point of winning outright are: Claris Ley, 1217 Arlington; George T. French, 1901 W. 94th St., L.A.; and Alice M. Harker, 22911 Normandie Ave. Any of you fellows who would like to come over for the event, and incidentally to do a little singing, you are welcome, as you are ANY THURSDAY.

Last week I mentioned the mass installation of officers at Long Beach. Now THERE WAS A SHOW! A banquet in the Marine Room of the Wilton Hotel. Officers from three chapters were installed in a group. As far as I know, this is the first thing of its kind in these parts. District officers officiated. (Far Western District—New, Ariz., Hawaii and Calif.) (That's Northern as well as Southern Calif. of course.)

Many quartets sang, including that outstanding crew from the Glendale-Burbank Chapter, the VERDUGO DONS. You may have a chance to hear some of these top quartets in the near future. WATCH THIS COLUMN! That is all. Over and out. . . But seriously, some of the AMATEUR quartets can more than hold their own alongside most professionals.

But back to our story: The outstanding guest of the evening was ART BAKER and wife. An old barbershopper himself, and a member of the Pasadena Chapter, Art is frequently found at barbershop activities. He has emceed many shows for us. And with his rich baritone voice, he can hold his own in a quartet anytime.

Well children, that's it for this time. Would like to say again that we certainly appreciate the interest shown in our organization at the Hobby Show. See you next week.

Select Griffith Park as Site for College Picnic

Griffith Park has been selected as the site for El Camino College's All School Picnic to be held June 7. The affair is under the supervision of the Associated Men and Women Student Organization.

Barbara Lauderbaugh, AWS president, said that among the various activities lined up for the picnic are baseball games, tug-of-war, horseshoe riding, swimming, tennis, bicycle riding, and visits to the zoo and observatory.

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Old Pendulum Clock to Pick Senior Winners

For the fifteenth straight year, an ancient, erratically running eight-day pendulum clock will be started off next week and when it stops, two Torrance High School seniors will be pointed out to receive \$71.50 Bulova watches for graduation.

The old clock, which used to hang on the back wall of Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabrillo, may run six days, it may run nine, according to Tommy Wilkes, manager of Howard's.

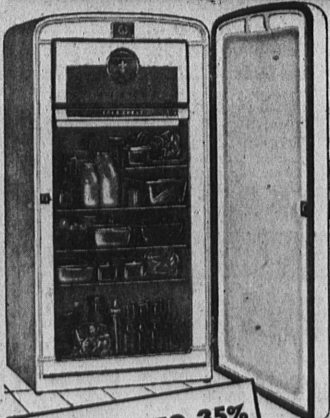
To participate in the annual "watch the clock" contest, seniors at Torrance High must look over the clock dial and sign their names where they think one of the hands will stop. Winners of the watches, a boy and a girl, will receive the gifts at the Senior Breakfast, June 2.

The clock idea was originated by Dr. Alden W. Smith 15 years ago and has since been adopted by Bulova as a nation-wide promotion, Wilkes reports.

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